

Case 7472

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

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U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC § 371 from
the International Application of :
MORT, Paul R., III et al :
Int'l Application No. PCT/US00/05987 :
Filed in the RO/US on 08 March 2000 :
Entitled: DETERGENT PARTICLES HAVING COATING
OR PARTIAL COATING LAYERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims as follows:

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3. The detergent particle as claimed Claim 2 wherein said water soluble non-hydrating material is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal carbonate salts, alkali metal sulfate salts, and mixtures thereof.
4. The detergent particle as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said water soluble, non-hydrating inorganic material is the double salt $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4:\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ in a weight ratio of Na_2SO_4 to Na_2CO_3 of from 80:20 to 20:80.
5. The detergent particle as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the weight ratio of Na_2SO_4 to Na_2CO_3 of from 75:25 to 60:40.
6. The detergent particle as claimed in Claim 5 wherein said particle coating layer further includes a detergent adjunct material.

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